gining it was material, I had not been careful to mark to ſingle minutes. At 1^h 22′, its diſtance from Rigel was 7° 6′; at 1^h 24′, from Betelgeuſe 15° 53′; and at 1^h 36′, its diſtance from Sirius was 17° 36′.

This will be ſufficient for you to find its place by. The obſervations, together with above twenty others, were made with a little Hadley's quadrant, and may moſt of them, I believe, be depended on to about two or three minutes; but ſome perhaps may err four or five minutes.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient ſervant,

Cambridge, Jan. 9, 1760. John Michell.

XLIII. *An Account of the ſame Comet; by* Nicolas Munckley, *of* Lincoln's-Inn, *Eſq;*

Read Jan. 17, 1760. JAnuary 9, 1760, I obſerved what appeared to me to be evidently a comet, weſt of the conſtellation of Orion, or (to ſpeak more aſtronomically and exactly) over the two ſtars marked μ and ν in the river Eridanus, but nearer the latter than the former; right aſcenſion, about 66 deg. declination, about 3 deg. S. It was ſomething dimmer and larger than either of theſe ſtars; and through a teleſcope, appeared magnified, and ſurrounded with a broad, faint, ill-defined hazineſs, like the laſt comet, ſuch as plainly diſtinguiſhed it from any

thing elſe in the heavens. It ſeemed, even between the times I obſerved it that evening, to have a ſenſible motion towards the north-weſt (*i. e.* nearer the zenith, and contrary to the order of the ſigns): for though at firſt I apprehend its place to be as above, on reviewing it, two or three hours afterwards, it was more over the ſtar ν, and a little to the weſtward of it.

This phænomenon was ſeen the night before (*viz.* the 8th, when I was in London), by two or three perſons, who mentioned it to me: but though they particularly took notice of it as different from other ſtars, they were not aſtronomers enough to give any exact account, either of its place or appearance.

The evenings following the 9th were cloudy, till the 13th, which, though far from being very clear, allowed me however, at times, to ſee the conſtellation Orion, and weſtward of it, as far as Cetus, *&c.* I ſaw particularly the ſtars μ and ν, mentioned before, and the places above-referred to over them; but I ſaw nothing any more of the comet.

Hampſtead. Nicolas Munckley.